

Dignity and Care Today

Ethical Perspectives for the Nursing Profession

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25th March 2026

University of Genoa

Registration: Click here to register for the conference

Registration is open until capacity is reached. Deadline: 5 March 2026

It is also possible to join the event remotely by

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Programme

Morning session | 9:00 – 12:30

09:00 – 09:15 | Opening Remarks and Institutional Greetings

Chair: **Loredana Sasso**

09:15 – 10:00 | International Keynote Lecture

The Ethical Question in Care: A Challenge for Contemporary Nursing. A global reflection on the current state of nursing ethics.

Ann Gallagher Brunel University London, UK

09:45 – 10:15 | Keynote Lecture

The Italian National Health Service: Why it Cannot be Reformed Without the Contribution of Nurses

Giuseppe Remuzzi Istituto Mario Negri, Milano, IT

10:15 – 10:45 | Research Presentation

Can Dignity Be Measured? Evidence from the Dignity for Nurse Project. Presentation of emerging findings and implications for clinical practice, education, and care models.

Annamaria Bagnasco Università di Genova, IT

10:45 – 12:00 | Round Table and Plenary Discussion

Chairs: **Gennaro Rocco, Duilio Manara**

The Ethical Demands of Patients and Families: A Challenge for Contemporary Nursing.

A global reflection on expectations of human dignity.

Rosaria Alvaro Università Roma Tor Vergata, IT

Beatrice Mazzoleni Humanitas University, IT

Ercole Vellone Università Roma Tor Vergata, IT

Alison Steven Northumbria University, UK

Edoardo Manzoni Istituto Palazzolo, Bergamo, IT

Giuliana Masera Università di Parma, IT

Giovanni Sapucci Federazione Associazione Incontinenti Stomatizzati, IT

12:00 – 12:30 | Ethics in practice

Connecting nursing ethics with patient-and family centered care: a reconciling practice model

Franco Carnevale McGill University, Canada

12:30 – 14:00 | Lunch Break and Poster Session



Afternoon Session | 14:00 – 16:30

14:00 – 15.30 | Thematic Workshop

How Can Dignity Be Safeguarded in Daily Clinical Practice?

15:30 – 16:30 | Plenary Feedback Session

16:30 | Closing Remarks



Event organized by the Department of Health Sciences, University of Genoa, Italy.



Call for Abstract

Dignity, both of the person receiving care and of the caregiver, is a central construct for the nursing profession and is explicitly referenced in many international codes of ethics. Nevertheless, it remains a concept that is difficult to study, communicate, and safeguard in the everyday practices of clinicians, educators, and healthcare managers. This second conference of the *Centro Interuniversitario per la Ricerca sull'Etica Infermieristica* (Interuniversity Centre for Research on Nursing Ethics) aims to explore the different ontological, professional, and ethical dimensions of dignity to provide the nursing profession with a meaningful framework for addressing the challenges posed by the current healthcare context. Rediscovering the fundamental values of care may help nurses understand the universal dimension of their work and provide them with important analytical tools.

The Scientific Committee of the 2nd CIREI Conference “Dignity and Care Today – Ethical Perspectives for the Nursing Profession” invites professionals, researchers, academics, and students to submit abstracts presenting scientific contributions and experiential reflections on the theme of dignity in nursing care.

Abstracts may address (but are not limited to) the following topics:

- Ethical and philosophical foundations of dignity in care
- Professional experiences and best practices in promoting dignity
- Dignity and vulnerability: care approaches in situations of frailty
- Nursing education and the development of ethical sensitivity
- Dignity and healthcare management
- Tools for the assessment and monitoring of perceived dignity
- Narratives and experiences of patients, families, and professionals
- Intersections between dignity, social justice, and health inequalities
- Innovative experiences and projects in clinical, educational, or organisational settings

Abstracts (in Italian or English) must include:

- Title, Author(s) (name, surname, affiliation, email), Abstract text (maximum 300 words, Word or PDF format), Keywords (maximum 5), Type of contribution: Professional experience / Case study / Empirical research / Qualitative or quantitative study

Send to: conferenzacirei@outlook.it

Submission deadline: 20 February 2026

All abstracts will be reviewed anonymously by the Scientific Committee. Authors of selected abstracts will receive notification of acceptance by 1 March 2026.

Accepted poster contributions will be presented during the travelling poster session of the conference (12:30 – 14:00), encouraging direct interaction between participants and authors.

Scientific Committee

Rosaria Alvaro, Annamaria Bagnasco, Daniela Cattani, Gianluca Catania, Simone Cosmai, Marco Di Nitto, Ann Gallagher, Edoardo Manzoni, Duilio Manara, Giuliana Masera, Beatrice Mazzoleni, Gennaro Rocco, Debora Rosa, Loredana Sasso, Alison Steven, Ercole Vellone, Milko Zanini

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